



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. **6**

City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Robert Richardson, City Manager
Date: October 28, 2013
Subject: Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) Report to Council

The Issue

Shall the City Council hear PCWA's presentation to Council and authorize the Mayor to sign a joint letter of support from the region regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan?

Conclusion and Recommendation

By **MOTION**, authorize the Mayor to sign a joint letter of support from the region regarding Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Background

Placer County Water Agency's Andy Fecko will present to Council information regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and how it affects Placer County. It is being requested that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter of support.

Fiscal Impact

Information item only, no fiscal impact at this time.

Attachments

Letter of Support

October 18, 2013

Hon. Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Statewide Water Action Plan – Region's Support of ACWA's Proposal

Dear Governor Brown:

The undersigned water agencies, cities and counties would like to state their support of ACWA's recommended Statewide Water Action Plan (SWAP). Our coalition supports ACWA's plan because it identifies a wide-ranging list of issues that must all be addressed if we are all to succeed.

As you know the combined challenges of continuing population growth, rising sea level, and concern for endangered species, combined with fewer choices for the development of new water supplies have put California's citizens, its economy and its environment in a precarious situation. The people of California need your leadership to develop a range of statewide water solutions that holistically addresses the tough choices for environmental regulation, new infrastructure and changes in the operation of the state's water systems that will protect all Californians and successfully adapt to future conditions.

While we understand that the proposed tunnels in the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan are likely necessary to ensure export water supply reliability, we feel that allowing the tunnel construction to move forward ahead of resolution of these other issues is fundamentally flawed.

Our recommendation is to structure a more logical sequence of activities. First, the state needs to create a regulatory structure that will adapt to changes brought on by climate change and resulting sea-level rise. Then, based on understanding what the long-term regulatory landscape will look like, the Department of Water Resources can create an operational plan for the proposed tunnels which balances Delta environmental, export and upstream interests and helps to inform what the conveyance infrastructure should look like.

In summary, we believe that the actions included in the Statewide Water Action Plan need to be implemented prior to the construction of the tunnels outlined which will help to create a BDCP that is more effective in reaching its stated objectives.

Our coalition represents nearly two million people within 30 minutes of the state capitol. Those people need your leadership to ensure their water supply is reliable now and in the future. The SWAP was a good step in the right direction and we need to continue the dialogue.

With the concerns outlined above, our coalition in the Sacramento region wants to engage in thoughtful, constructive dialogue with your administration to develop a statewide water plan that is logically sequenced and that all stakeholders can stand behind. To that end, we would appreciate your assistance in creating a venue to continue this dialogue with our region's stakeholder community. Please contact _____ who can assist your staff in setting up any meetings.

City of Auburn	City of Lincoln	City of Sacramento
City of Roseville	Placer County Water Agency	City of Folsom
City of Rancho Cordova	City of Elk Grove	City of Rocklin
Placer County	Sacramento County	El Dorado County
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Carmichael Water District	Regional Water Authority
San Juan Water District Wholesale	El Dorado Irrigation District	El Dorado County Water Agency
Citrus Heights Water District	Fair Oaks Water District	Orange Vale Water Company
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District		

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